

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,207,283 to Bell ("Bell").

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 9-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by JP 6-118648 to Adachi ("Adachi").

Claims 1 and 5 have been objected to for allegedly containing informalities.

Claims 3, 4, 6 and 8 have been objected as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Claims 12-21 have been allowed.

Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of Claims 2 and 5 into Claim 1. In addition, Applicants amended Claim 1 so that R^2 is a hydrocarbon group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, an alkenyl group and an alkylaryl group, and R^4 is a hydrocarbon group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, an alkenyl group and an alkylaryl group. Applicants have also removed any unnecessary parenthesis in order to overcome the objection to Claim 1.

Upon entry of the above amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-21 will be all the claims pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5 and 10 over Bell

The Examiner asserts that the teachings of Bell, specifically formula I-13, anticipates Claims 1, 2, 5 and 10.

The Examiner has asserted that Claims 1, 2, 5 and 10 are anticipated when the R_2 and R_4 constituents are acyl groups.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Bell. The esters taught by Bell contain acyl groups. Claim 1 recites that that R^2 is a hydrocarbon group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, an alkenyl group and an alkylaryl group, and R^4 is a hydrocarbon group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, an alkenyl group and an alkylaryl group. Claim 1 does not recite acyl groups as appropriate substituents for R^2 and R^4 . Therefore, Bell does not teach or suggest each and every element recited in Claims 1 and 10.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the § 102 rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5 and 9-11 over Adachi

The Examiner asserts that Adachi anticipates the above-identified claims.

The Examiner asserts that Adachi teaches a compound that only reads on the present claims when R_2 or R_4 is an acyl group.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1, as amended, is clearly not anticipated by Adachi. As discussed in the previous section, Claim 1 does not recite acyl groups as appropriate substituents for R_2 or R_4 . Thus, Adachi does not teach every element recited in Claims 1 and 9-11.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the § 102 rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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